

Happy Holidays



The Christmas menu shown here is from an 1884 ST. NICHOLAS, a children's magazine, bound & preserved by Frank (1876-1942) & Miriam (1874-1940) Dunham (10) (Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8, Samuel E. 9), brother & sister whose parents subscribed to the magazine for them. (Sad to say, they had a huge fight over the bound volumes when they were adults. Frank said that they should be his because he was the boy; Miriam said they should be hers because she had descendants & he did not. He got most of them, but Miriam's granddaughter, Phyllis Kitson, eventually got a few of them.) We particularly like the dish billed as "forefathers, pickled in praise." Is that what we're doing to those poor people??

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U.S.-Russia cooperation may allow woman to bury dad she never got to know

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Grand Rapids — Suzanne Fong may finally get a chance to bury the father she never met.

Capt. John Dunham was shot down by the Soviet Union in 1952 during a reconnaissance flight near the Kuril Islands off the coast of Japan.

His fate remained a mystery until two years ago when the Defense Department reported that his body had been pulled from the sea in 1952. Officials from both countries began to unravel clues under the auspices of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission for POW-MIAs.

A Russian sailor provided the first big break when he reported that he had pulled an American aviator — apparently already dead — from the Sea of Japan after the incident. He said the body was buried on Yuri, the closest island.

The sailor also said he had removed Dunham's 1950 Naval Academy ring from the body. Last December, the family received the ring.

Now they're awaiting what they hope will be the rest of the remains.

"I feel that this has brought my father back — being able to have something to bury means so much," said Fong, 42, of Holland, who is Dunham's only child. "I feel there's a completion there, a finality."

"It's hard to express what it's like to grow with a void like that. I grew up knowing nothing about my father," said Fong, who was 6 weeks old when her father died. "I feel that that void has begun to be filled."

Her mother, Mary Dunham Nichols, also is "deeply relieved," Fong said.

"I think my mother came to terms with my dad's death in some ways better than I did," she said. "But I think she's deeply re-



Capt. John Dunham

lieved that my dad is coming home."

The remains were turned over to the military in a Thursday ceremony in Moscow. They were flown to Hawaii, where they will undergo forensic analysis to positively identify them. The tests may take months.

If the remains are Dunham's, they will be taken to an Episcopal church in Easton, Md., where Dunham was baptized, for a memorial service. After that, they will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Fong praised the cooperation between the United States and Russia. She called four Russian sailors who dug for 10 days in "horrible weather" to find the remains the "real heroes."

"The Russians are really excited about this because they want to show they are different from their Soviet counterparts," she said.

She also praised U.S. officials. "The amount of care that's gone into this on the part of the government has been extraordinary. The fact that after all these years that our government cares enough to go after this means a lot," Fong said.

Several people, among them Elsie Warner & Norwood Dunham, thoughtfully sent in articles from their local papers from this past September concerning the return of the remains of Capt. John Dunham. However it was our own Flint paper that had the most complete account, undoubtedly because of the fact that Capt. Dunham's daughter is a Michigan resident, although Dunham himself is recorded as being of Easton, MD. At present we don't know how Capt. Dunham fits into the total family picture, but it would be interesting to find out. It seems appropriate to honor him in this 2nd of the special military issues of DD.

FRANK DUNHAM (1876-1942), mentioned on p. 1 & seen below, served in the Spanish-American War from 1898-1901.



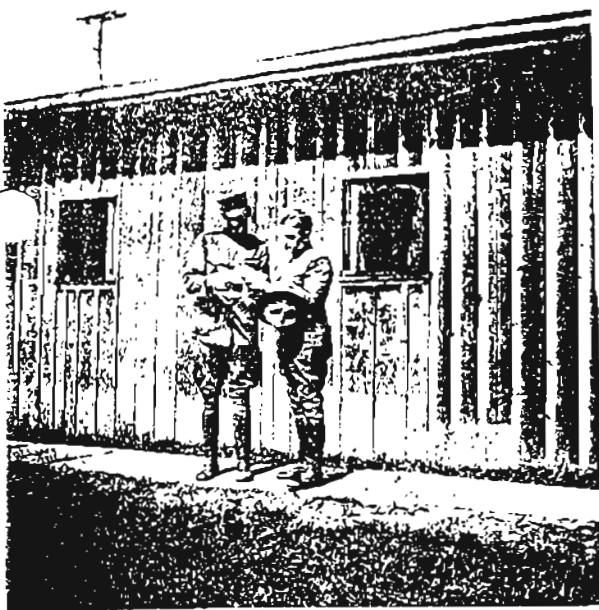
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ALLEN JOHNSON (11)
 (whose ancestral
 line is the same as
 Bill Wood's through
 the 6th generation &
 then is: Amanda Dun-
 ham Cheney 7, Sheri-
 dan Cheney 8, Wm
 Cheney 9, Ethel
 Cheney Johnson 10)
 served in Japan
 during the Korean
 War. Photo from Ann
 Eldred, Verona, NY.

BILL WOOD (11) (Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Nathaniel 3, Isaac 4, Calvin 5, Alpheus 6, Alpheus 7, George W. 8, Henry A. 9, Alice Dunham Wood 10) & his bride, Mary, were married in April of 1945, when he was serving as a Flight Engineer on PBY (Patrol Bombers) searching for U-Boats in the Gulf of Mexico. Mary was a Parachute Rigging at the time, Bill explains, & he figured it was a good idea to be in her good graces. Apparently he still is!

NOTE: The response to our request for military photographs has been so great that it looks as if it will require a THIRD special issue to get them all in. Please be patient if the material you sent in has not appeared as yet. All materials are much appreciated.



TOP: 1st Lieut./Chaplain James Harvey Dunham (1872-1943)(9)(Deacon John 1, Benijah 2, Edmund 3, Jonathan 4, Jonathan 5, Jonathan 6, Nahum 7, Samuel 8) posed with his wife, Louise (Crammond)

Dunham, & son, Raymond Henry Dunham, at their Washington, D.C. home some time during World War I. The style of Raymond's tricycle is especially interesting, contrasting as it does with modern day "Flat Wheels" vehicles. BELOW: Camp Meade, MD, is the setting for this snapshot, showing James H. Dunham on the right. Thanks go to Donna Hawks, Spring, TX, for both of these pictures.

EDWARD SIMS (1913-1982)(11) was the nephew of Frank Dunham (p. 2) & the son of Frank's sister, Rosa Dunham Sims (1881-1952). Edward was a chemist & an ensign in the Navy during World War II.



ROUNDING OUT an imposing parade are these contemporary military men whose photos come to DD from Ann Eldred, Verona, NY. They are, TOP LEFT, U. S. Coast Guard Comandant Mark Engelbrecht (12) (Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Nathaniel 3, Isaac 4, Calvin 5, Alpheus 6, Amanda Dunham Cheney 7, Sheridan Cheney 8, William H. Cheney 9, Mildred Cheney Engelbrecht 10, Adolph W. Engelbrecht 11). Traveling all over, mostly in Alaska & on the California coast, Mark trains men in the use of the 44' motor life boat, which can make a 260 degree roll in turbulent seas. TOP RIGHT is Mark's brother, Pvc. Eric Engelbrecht EMT/EM. Lower right is John E. White, now a staff sergeant, the son of Ann Eldred, sister of Adolph W. Engelbrecht.

